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DAM CONFERENCE

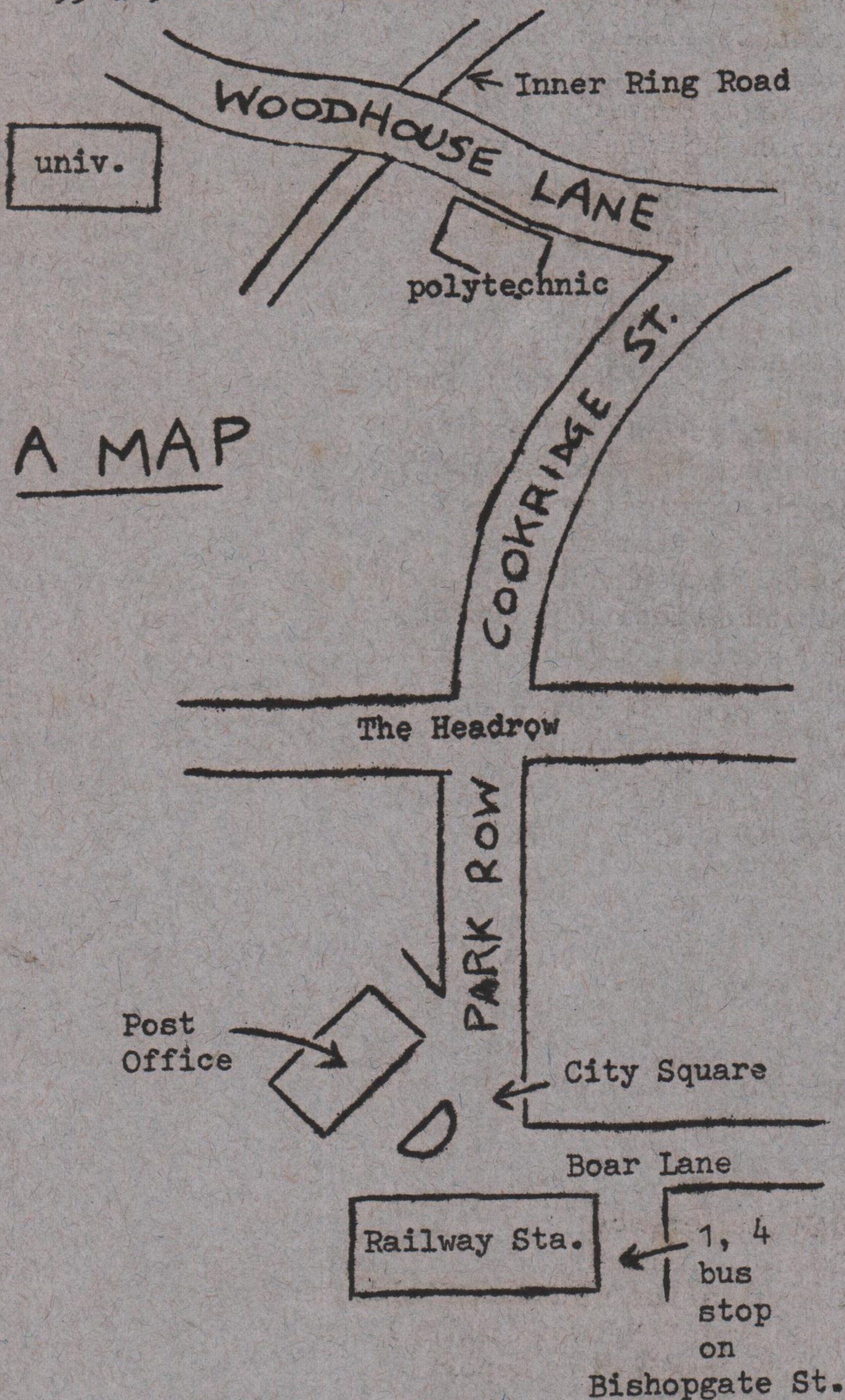
SATURDAY 30th October (one day only).

11am to 5pm.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY. Room IG 15. New Arts Block (behind the Parkinson Building - ask for directions when you get to the university).

BUSES to the university:-

- 1 & 4 from the viaduct by the rail sta.
- 28 & 30 from Briggate or The Headrow.
- 93 & 96 from central bus sta. or Headrow.



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November 19, 20, 21. CND national conference in Sheffield at the City Hall. Some comrades in Resistance have been thinking along the lines of a picket to show up the contradictory stances of the Labour Party and CND vis a vis NATO etc., and the increasing centralisation in CND. A leaflet being prepared by Doncaster Anarchist Group. Start 10am.

November 27th. Readers meeting/general conference of 'Black Flag'. Conway Hall, 2-10 London.

Pamphlets available from Huddersfield DAM:-

Syndicalists in the Russian Revolution. G. Maximoff. (Published by the Anarchist Communist Federation of North America). 25p

My Social Credo. G. Maximoff. 20p

Women in the Spanish Revolution. Liz Willis. Writings on Anarcho-Syndicalism. (Published by Huddersfield DAM). 25p

Send a postal order for cost (blank), and a second class stamp to: Box DAM, Peaceworks, 58 Wakefield Rd., Huddersfield.

NATIONAL ADDRESS. If people are sending money to the national address could they please make sure it is clearly labeled either for the Secretary/Treasurer or the paper fund. This would help us sort out the money to its final destination a lot quicker.

We are still wanting articles, graphics etc. for the paper. If members want to type their own articles the column width is 2 1/2 inches. -Phil.

Cienfuegos Press have moved. New address is: BCM Refract, London WC1N 3XX. As of Nov. 1st. CPAR number 6 is out, and available from above address for £1. They still need money.

DAM Logo (See August IB).

Voting has been somewhat erratic and has shown a definite swing in favour of design E., with odd dissenters going for A, C, D and F.

After a long discussion (seriously) Tyne and Wear branch decided:-

- A - O.K.
- B - looks like a yachting club badge!
- C - good for a DAM badge, but no good for a logo.
- D - the arms look deformed!
- E - looks ultra-leftish.
- F - damn right ugly.

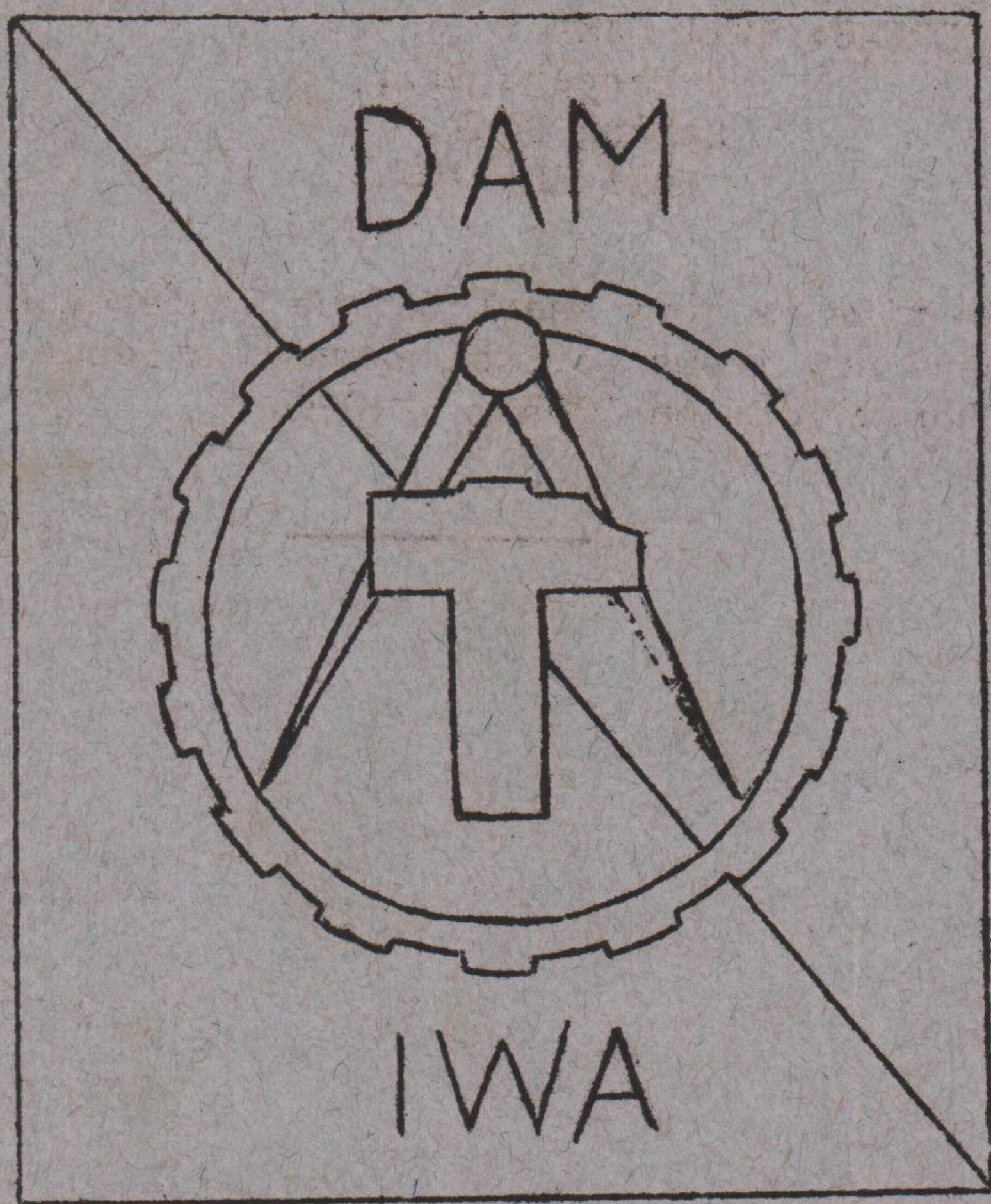
They would like to see a mixture of A & D but say that whatever is adopted must have IWA on it. Their idea of a logo would look

The great DAM logo competition..

something like this..



Winner in the childrens section is a certain "Petit Bourgeoisly Yours" from Harlow, who just to be awkward has his own design which he claims in his letter is a hammer and pair of compasses superimposed on a red & black flag (though we couldn't see the likeness). This is his re-drawn design.



APOLOGIES. Could all DAM branches who for various reasons will not be represented at the next Conference make sure they send apologies and group reports to the said gathering so we know what the situation is.

PROPOSALS FOR A CHANGE IN ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURES IN THE DAM. Huddersfield DAM would like all comrades to consider these before Conference, as a basis for discussion.

Part 1. Due to the total lack of information being recieved by the membership the Huddersfield DAM group propose some new methods of organisation be introduced.

- (1) That secretaries or groups be appointed to look after certain aspects of DAM work, i.e. International, Publications, 'Direct Action', Finances, Membership, etc.
- (2) That these secretaries/groups will publish their address in the IB and/or DA, and that all matters relating to them be sent to them and not to the DAM Secretary/Treasurer.
- (3) By this method DAM members wishing to recieve information will be able to approach those directly responsible.
- (4) This will enable specialised files to be kept for the organisation. These files (which we believe are badly needed for research work) will stop unnecessary duplication, save each group time and money by not having to build up their own filing system, provide small groups and individuals with ready information, prevent the entire DAM filing system from being seized or destroyed.

We therefore suggest for a start that a secretary/group be appointed for the following important work (appointment being offered to those most interested in the subject).

- (a) Finances (this we believe should stay with the Secretary/Treasurer of the DAM).
- (b) Membership (also to remain with the S/T).
- (c) 'Direct Action', the paper (the need for a name or names with whom one can write to discuss articles, layout, photos etc. is paramount).
- (d) Publications (as a propaganda group this is very important, and only the most enthusiastic persons should be given the job).
- (e) IWA (as an organisation in the IWA, somebody should be responsible for all contacts with Madrid, we suggest that this should be the Secretary of the DAM).

Part 2. That all local DAM groups report more often to the IB on their work and contacts, and that those people recieving regular non-British libertarian publications write reports on these for the IB (this will save our members from buying shitty papers and finding out the hard way).

Part 3. That the general Conference of the DAM be held outside the North of England at least once per year. Starting with the Conference due in the new year, which we propose should be held in London.

-Huddersfield.

General Strike Poster.

In view of the increasingly militant stance being taken up by rank & file hospital workers in opposition to pussy-footing union leaders, and the growing call for an all out strike (which even the TUC has been forced to tag on to), we propose that the DAM produce a 'general strike!' poster quickly. No doubt this could be done by local DAM groups in addition to the support they already give on picket lines and demonstrations, but a national poster could be more professionally and more cheaply (because more done) produced. Another advantage would be that isolated comrades could order posters.

-Hull DAM.

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The following proposals on industrial organisation recieved from A. Meltzer of London DAM. This was discussed at last Conference but not much seems to have happened about it since. See also proposals along similar lines from East Anglia DAM in the August IB.

ORGANISATION.

In the circumstances in which we find ourselves in this country, the most practical syndicalist first step in organisation is the industrial network. It can easily be produced: it needs no more than a duplicator. All that is wanted is the listing of people in the following fashion:

Name - Contact address (can be c/o if you don't want to give your address to all and sundry) - Occupation - Union - Industry - Place of work (if you think it OK to give) - Group to which affiliated or associated - Any other relevant particulars.

This enables people to get in touch with one another at their place of work or within their unions. It is the way in which to form an anarcho-syndicalist minority organisation within industry.

We had one a few years ago which faded away. This is no criterion. The fact is that the Industrial Network reflects what's there; if there's nothing there, it won't reflect it. It was admittedly a bit dispiriting to see "Occupation: student, Union: IWW" so many times or items to that effect which patently have no bearing on the issue. (The IWW, here and now at least, is a group, not a union; nor does the IN need to build up a minority organisation within it!)

The IN could well be included in the DAM Bulletin. People need to organise from within; handing out leaflets at the gate is OK in its way but nothing compares with being inside the gate.

-A.M.

Nobody Rules OK! (Views of the Dublin Anarchist Collective). This pamphlet, mentioned in the June IB has now been printed and is available from Just Books (Belfast). Sections on the DAC's position on Unemployment, the North, Feminism, the Church, Crime etc. Well worth a read.

Also from Dublin, 'Hard Times', paper of the Dublin Unemployed Action Group (in which many of the Dublin comrades are active). Available from the following address for a small donation. [redacted]
Dublin 1, Eire.

APOLOGIES, from the editors of the IB to the comrades who are writing the DAM pamphlet on anarcho-syndicalism. In the last IB Oct. 18th was given as the date for a meeting to tie up ends. It should have been Sept. 18th. A right balls up. But all the chapters hadn't been written anyhow. But we should be able to meet sometime after the Conference in Leeds this weekend.

NEXT IB. So far we have reports on the movements in Spain and Italy, and a report on the AIT/IWA Northern Sections Conference in Sweden last September at which DAM members were in attendance. If there is to be another IB out for November we need more material, so get those pens scribbling, and send your masterpieces off to the NEW ADDRESS: [redacted]

As time is very short before Conference, send any items for the agenda to Leeds DAM.
Phone: [redacted]

IRISH COMMISSION REPORT

(1) Information on Roger Noel, the Belgian anarchist arrested in Poland, has been sent to all the Irish groups. The Belfast Anarchist Collective have printed a report on the case in 'Outta Control' and have been collecting signatures for the petition in their bookshop. The AWA have produced their own petition forms which they have sent to "contacts, bookshops and so on around the country" while themselves collecting names at meetings and in the street. They write that they are thinking of ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ "extracting the names of 'prominant people' such as national officers of unions, writers etc. and putting them onto a seperate list which the Belgian comrades might be able to generate some publicity from".

(2) We have recieved a pamphlet from the Dublin Anarchist Collective setting forth their views on areas such as Women, Unemployment, the Church, the North etc. (copies available from Just Books in Belfast). A review will be sent to 'Direct Action'. From the AWA we have recieved the following information about their organisation, dated 3.8.1982.

"So what's happening with the AWA? After our initial period of formation, getting a small core of active members, gathering resources and establishing anarchist ideas as being realistic in (tiny) sections of the labour movement - we were to expand our policies and activities, becoming a more activist and coherent organisation. Thanks to all sorts of cock ups the date for this "stage two" conference has been continually put back. It now looks like it will happen later this year.

While much public activity (including the paper, 'Anarchist Worker') as AWA has suffered, we are still very active in our union branches, trades councils, unemployed action groups, "Peoples March for Decent Jobs", Womens Dole Campaign, Anti-amendment Campaign (against the proposal to write a pro-life clause into the constitution).

If any DAM comrades are going to visit Ireland this year let us know and we will put them up."

(3) The BAC, the DAC, and the AWA have all been informed that they are invited as observers to the Northern IWA Conference in Copenhagen next February. Details will be sent when we have them.

Lastly, an incidental piece of information. The anarchists got a plug in the August/September issue of 'Troops Out' (paper of the Troops Out Movement). Referring to a picket in support of Irish political prisoners in Durham gaol, 'Troops Out' says: "A heartening feature was the strong support from youth, represented by several members of the Newcastle Anarchist Youth Group. This entirely self-organised group of young people, many of them unemployed, have consistently supported our activities."

[redacted] for Irish Commission.

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Recieved from the BAC, 8.10.1982.

Dear DAM,

We would like to make a few points regarding [redacted]'s letter to the IB (August '82).

As regards the 'BAC policy', firstly [redacted] is aware, having been at the Cavan conference of 1980, that the document quoted was not one of policy, but a discussion paper for a workshop.

He is right to take issue with the notion that... "There will be no movement to working class unity, or anarchist agitation, until the British State is forced to remove its forces from the North". Certainly anarchist agitation should be (and is) part of that effort to force the Brits out, and not wait till after.

As for workers' unity, maybe [redacted] would have understood more our position and the dilemma of anarchists/socialists in Ireland, if he'd read the very next sentence... "While they (the Brits) stay the ascendancy of the loyalist population is guaranteed and so the class alliance of industrialist and worker is maintained and the racism of loyalist workers over the "Catholic" workers is militarily supported".

It is 'unscientific and nonsensical' for [redacted] to go on and suggest we want a united capitalist Ireland, and then that we advocate the entry of anarchists into the Provos/INLA.

If he had as much gumption as venom, he and everyone else who reads 'Outta Control', should be aware that we have an anti-authoritarian and class analysis of imperialism, and republicanism.

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Even the document [redacted] refers to, and has a copy of, states, "The ideology of republicanism is reactionary because its democracy is a bourgeois sham and its economy is State-capitalist... (but)... Anarchists have, do, and will work with others who are not only not anarchists, but members of statist organisations, at certain times and over certain issues. In Russia they worked with left democrats, in Spain with POUM militants in the collectives and at the front, (in Dublin with the trotskyist S.W.M.) and in the North we will be working with republicans if we campaign for British withdrawal".

The BAC document was not intended for publication, but since it has started a debate, we'll send a copy anyone in the DAM who asks. (While limited we still think it worth reading.)

One last point re. the AWA's position points. There is reference several times to ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ "the unification of our class", to "workers' unity" and a "perspective which can unite the working class is one which appeals to their class interests". There are openings, limited and scattered, such as the health workers strike, but once you call for troops out, as he does in point 11, that unity is shattered. That is the contradiction of the North, and of [redacted]

P.S., by the way, the engineering workers from the shipyards and Shorts did NOT come out on strike in support of De Lorean workers. That strike was organised one month before by the engineering unions to protest at the general unemployed situation. In fact, the De Lorean workers were not allowed even to take up a collection at the march.

Solidarity,

the [redacted]

n St.,

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Contribution from Albert Meltzer (London) re. statements from BAC and AWA in previous IBs.

BAC takes it for granted that "Nationalism" is equivalent to Catholic Republicanism... AWA says categorically "The Protestants of the North are not a separate nation"...

What is a nation? It is a region with a State, the stronger, the tighter, the more it is a nation. It is a political concept. People of many races can be joined into a nation (America); or a religion, even if not observed, can be the basis of the nation (Pakistan, Israel); it can have one, or many, languages, but the basis of the nation is the State. Nationalism is the determination that a nation shall BE a State ("once a province, a nation once again").

The Protestants practically are the State in Northern Ireland; if they are not, then they certainly want to be - so they are either a separate nation, or nationalists. They subscribe to all the nationalist principles - patriotism, religion, law & order, a strong State, an effective Army. Theirs indeed is the real State while the Northern Catholics subscribe to a shadow State, unless they wish to modify the present one.

I agree with practically everything AWA Ireland says and with much of what BAC says, but why go on to say something which is palpably untrue? I think the reason is because they shy of saying that Nationalism is essentially authoritarian and unanarchistic even while maintaining the line that "the national question cannot be fully resolved except as a part of the social revolution". Indeed it cannot because the national question depends on the nationality being the State, and the social revolution depends ultimately on the abolition of the State.

A nation-State will, of course, often suppress an internal nationality in order to make the State homogeneous. This is part and parcel of nationalism, not necessarily of imperialism. (Denmark at one time did its best to suppress Icelandic language and nationalism). It is part of nationalistic lore in Ireland that England is trying to suppress Irish nationality today. Under a centralising State and without regional control all regional differences tend to disappear; but in fact English capitalism can quite well exist with Irish nationalism (it does in the Republic). It would quite readily sell the Northern Protestants down the river (and Paisley does so constantly accuse them of wanting to do) if the nation-State could thus be strengthened.

I well appreciate that the crisis of Statism puts us in difficult corners sometimes: in Northern Ireland there is no chance to avoid being in the conflict, but this is no reason for saying that nationalism is practical and/or desirable when it is manifestly impractical. Yet we find comrades thinking maybe anarchism is impractical and latching on the "practicalities" of the moment, knowing (a) if two nations want the same bit of ground there is no alternative but non-statism or war; (b) for a nationalist aspiration, the end is nationhood and therefore the creation of a new State which will be even more repressive than the old since it will harbour bitter memories of what happened in the past. A.M.

SWEDEN AND DENMARK.

In August two comrades of the Huddersfield DAM went to Sweden, Finland and Denmark.

In Stockholm and Copenhagen they met members of the SAC and the ASO:

Without going into too much detail of how we arrived at the SAC head office let us just point out, never believe anything that you read in 'Freedom'. We mean of course the contacts page, to say that the addresses were dead would be kind and we shall leave it at that.

The SAC as all DAM members know has a membership of between 18,000 and 20,000 and is a recognised trade union (we shall not go into a lot of detail as later this year a DAM comrade will be giving us a full report on the state of things in the SAC) therefore it was not too surprising to find that their head office occupied the top three floors of a large building just ten minutes walk from the city centre along Stockholm's most important street. At the SAC we were introduced to their director of publications, Ingemar Nilsson, who of course had heard of the DAM and was very interested in its work in Britain. As the person in charge of 'Federativs' the SAC publishing company he was able to tell us about the number of books and pamphlets issued. Federativs, which started back in 1921, publish about ten titles each year. Their list of authors include Bakunin, Kropotkin, Goldman etc. on the anarchist side and Rosa Luxemburg and Alexandra Kollontai on the marxist. This year they are bringing out works by Sam Dolgoff, Alexander Berkman and Danny Cohn-Bendit (yes, still an anarchist and still active in Germany). They also publish a series of pamphlets rather like the old SWF did, but in their case they are now on number 32 in this series. Looking through their catalogue most of the writers were Swedish and unknown to us, but according to comrade Nilsson their big problem was a lack of good writers who could put over things from an anarcho-syndicalist point of view. We said the DAM had the same problem and had far fewer people to turn to. At this point we asked and indeed were very surprised to be told that as much as 10% of the membership of the SAC were politically active. The SAC has no real power base but their membership is strong in the North and South West of the country, mainly among the timber workers, miners, and in recent years a growing number of teachers. We were told of a case in the North where a policeman had applied to join in a small town where everyone was SAC. There was a general meeting among the local people and in the end he was refused membership because they could not agree (he was it seems only half the time a policeman, being a worker the other half, but even in the far North in a town with only one policeman the people understood only too well the mistake of letting such a person join, after all where would his loyalty lie? Staying with Federativs for a moment longer, we also noticed that they produced some tapes, including one on Sacco & Vanzetti which we brought back with us (for the most part in Swedish but with parts in English) and found most enjoyable. We were then shown around some of the offices where we were told some forty people worked, the majority in the print room. The SAC possess the most modern printing ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ press in the whole of Sweden and it is here that their paper 'Arbetaren' is printed each week, on this point with a government assistance grant. Here we briefly met the International Secretary of the SAC who passed on his greetings to the DAM.

Travelling on to Copenhagen we called at the new address of the Danish sister group of the DAM, the Anarko-Syndikalistisk Organisation (ASO). The ASO is in many ways like the DAM - a propaganda group with a national membership of around 40, mainly in the Copenhagen area. They run a bookcafe (bookshop where one may buy beer and soft drinks etc. and sit down for a chat). This is near the city centre, the shop being well painted on the outside with "Anarkistisk Bogcafe" written in two foot high lettering and the initials ASO over the doorway. Inside, the large room has wall to wall carpeting, new bookshelves, telephone and in the back an office, kitchen and wc. They pay a rent of around £60 per month, which is very cheap as things go in Denmark. The bookshop itself has a large selection of Danish, Swedish, Norwegian and English anarchist books and papers. 'Direct Action' is not sold there for two reasons. Firstly because we never send it to them, secondly because there wouldn't be a demand for a paper dealing only with Britain. To rectify the first point we have agreed to send them a copy of each issue for their files (they keep a very fine filing system of all the North European anarchist papers and also run a small library, amongst whose books was a Danish schools history book which dealt in detail with the Spanish civil war and the role played by the CNT/FAI (shall we ever see anything like it here?)). Among some of the other anarchist groups to use the Bogcafe the most interesting

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to us were the Uruguayan anarchists in exile who publish their own paper in Copenhagen, 'La Revista'. On this point we were very pleased to meet in the street some Latin American people handing out leaflets reminding people of the tenth year of imprisonment of Raul Sendic who was a leading activist in the Tupamaros struggle. Back with the ASO, we attended one of their very business-like meetings. The ASO has divided itself into several small groups based on the areas of the city in which comrades live and therefore only those who live near the bokcafe use it as a meeting place. They publish a bi-weekly newsletter called 'Utopia?' and along with the Danish Anarchist Federation the bi-monthly 'Dialog'. There are a number of other anarchist papers also being published, the most successful of which is 'Maelk & Honning'.

We asked the ASO about their relations with other Scandinavian countries (they did not like being called Scandinavians, that was for the Swedes etc.). They looked upon the SAC as playing a useful role but had very little contact with the centre, and dealt mainly with the SAC 'lokala samorganisation' (local branches). Their relations with Norway were not so good, the Norwegian NFS (also a part of the AIT/IWA, seem to hold a very traditional view of anarcho-syndicalism and therefore look upon the ASO as libertains rather than ~~KKK~~ libertarians (but before we get ourselves into too much hot water we will have to talk to the NFS themselves). ASO do have very good relations with the Norwegian anarchist federation which also might explain things. Before we left Copenhagen we took the opportunity to visit two areas associated with anarchism, first the so-called free city of Christiania. Well it's eleven years since it was first set up as a "free city" in a disused naval barracks and we are sad to say time has got the better of the place. The buildings are in a bad state of disrepair, the general area is like a rubbish dump and there is no sign of any anarchist activity. In fact the only activity that we could see involved the drugs trade, which is fine if you like that sort of thing. The place itself (about 25 acres) seems to be overrun by Hells Angels called "Bullshitters" and large dogs, both unfriendly. All the anarchist comrades that we met in Copenhagen thought the place good, but none chose to live there, which isn't saying alot for it. We were told that there was some sort of alternative work going on there, such as making bicycle trailers etc. In fact one of the ASO comrades rides a very fine bike made there. The other piece of anarchist action in the city were the squatters. After Berlin and Amsterdam comes Copenhagen in the squatting league. Many streets in the city have been taken over and one place that we visited had a very strong anarchist presence. Here they had taken over a large building which was then painted black and red, with a golden toilet bowl hung outside (the same one that was thrown at the pigs in the first attack on this building. The building itself was turned into a fortress because of the large number of police attacks. The windows on the ground floor are all bricked up and on the upper floors they are covered in wire mesh to keep out the tear gas grenades. The doors are steel and the lobby has the cieling removed to allow the squatters to control those trying to gain entrance to the building. They have flood lights to cover this area at night, a bit different from home as we used to know it.

There is no doubt in our minds that our visit to Denmark and Sweden was most worth while, especially that to our comrades in the ASO and we have invited them to come to the North of England (everybody passes through London sometime or other) and meet the comrades of the DAM. We shall be supplying them with British anarchist papers etc.

The address of the ASO is: ASO, Nansensgade 43, 1366 Kobenhavn K. Tel: (01)12 26 82

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A LEAFLET CIRCULATED BY BURNLEY ANARCHIST GROUP. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ORIGINAL LEAFLET WAS BETTER PRODUCED, AND INCLUDED GRAPHICS.

ALL OUT & STAY OUT!

The health workers are fighting for a 12% rise; in doing so they are being challenged by Thatcher's government.

In solidarity with the health workers, the TUC has called for a 'one hour stoppage' on Wednesday 22nd September. While this has its uses, it is a totally inadequate response to the government's intransigence. AGMWU shop steward Harry Garner from St. James' hospital, Devizes said "We've got to fight them to the end. A one hour strike is a waste of time."

This stoppage is less than the original call by the TUC on May 14th 1981, which was the beginning of a campaign against Thatcherism.

The government's viciousness is not an isolated incident, but is part of a policy to bring back the 'thirties'. The health workers are the victims. The TUC are simply playing Thatcher's game through inadequate planning and preparation for the action which was an attempt to save face for them after the ASLEP strike.

The TUC believe public sympathy for the health workers will move Thatcher and Fowler into granting the health workers' demands.

As we were repeatedly told by government experts, last year's riots in Toxteth, Brixton and Moss Side were the result of the 'high level of unemployment' public opinion did not stop Thatcher's attacks on the working class. Now this year's riots simply go unreported.

Although we cannot lose sight of the hospital workers' original demands September 22nd will be seen as a testing ground for the government's new anti-trade union laws. A mass general strike will leave the laws as less than useless but sporadic and passive action open the flood gates for attacks on every shop floor organisation in the country.

The action taken on September 22 will be a deliberate challenge to the government but it must not be left at that. Five million unemployed, cuts in housing, education as well as in health will all increase as the working class are forced to pay for the economic crisis as well as Thatcher's Falklands war.

Prepare for the fight. September 22 should be seen as the beginning not the end of mass action in support of health workers.

Call for

- 1) A series of mass demonstrations in every town and city.
- 2) Mass meetings in every workshop before further action.
- 3) Use literature, posters and leaflets fully aimed at the unemployed as well as employed workers.
- 4) Prepare now for a mass general strike.

PUBLIC MEETING
'WHAT NEXT?'

BROADSWORDS
22 September 1982
8 O'clock

Burnley Anarchist and Direct Action Movement.

ACTION BRIEFING

#3

On the night of 5/6 July 1982, the Warsaw militia arrested [redacted], also known as Babar, a militant anarchist well-known in Brussels. A member of the self-managed printing works '22 March', he was a moving spirit of the A.L.O. (Association for the Freedom of the Air Waves), and was transmitting at the time of his arrest. BABAR (described by Polish TV as "this Belgian anarchist with sympathies for Solidarnosc") delivered a transmitter clandestinely to Radio Solidarnosc hidden in medical equipment. His arrest is part of a wave of repression directed against Radio Solidarnosc (Warsaw), which has resulted in the imprisonment of seven people.

At present [redacted] is confined in a cell with "common rights" - in accordance with his own wishes - and faces a sentence of between 3 and 10 years, depending on the precise nature of the charges. At the moment the situation is still not clear - the first hearing of [redacted] case was on August 13th and reports have not yet filtered through, but we do know that he is still in prison. His comrades at the 22 March printing works have called for an international campaign of solidarity to secure his release, asking that it be set within a framework of demands for the end of repression in Poland, and the release of all Solidarnosc prisoners.

Letters demanding his immediate release should be sent to:

Consulate General of the Polish Peoples Republic,
19 Weymouth St.,
London W1.

Copies of a petition have been produced, and can be obtained from the Direct Action Movement, International Commission (see below). Please keep us informed of any action you take, and let us know of any response you get from the Polish authorities.

Direct Action Movement,
International Commission.

Also available:

'Action Briefing' No. 2 on Arkadiy Tsurkov. (Send sae).

Black & white A3 poster demanding Tsurkov's release. 10p each, plus post.

'No Frontiers': First issue of the DAM's International Review, 20p plus 16¹/₂p post.
Issue No. 2 in preparation, 25p plus post.

'Direct Action': DAM's bi-monthly paper, 25p plus post.

Direct Action Movement,
164/166 Corn Exchange Buildings,
Hanging Ditch,
Manchester M4 3BN,
England.

The signatories of this document, with regard to democratic rights believe that [REDACTED], in bringing to the Polish people a radio transmitter, has acted in accordance with the rights of free expression, of free circulation of people, ideas and trade union liberty.

For this reason we request that you immediately release [REDACTED], a Belgian citizen, arrested on the night of 5/6 July, 1982, and his colleagues at Radio Solidarnosc, Warsaw, and that they be treated according to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Helsinki Agreement which guarantees these rights.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPORT: ASBL '22 Mars', 2 rue de l'inquisition, 1040 Bruxelles, Belgium.
Tel: 736.27.76.

Name	Occupation	Address	Signature
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Please send completed forms to the address below as soon as possible. Further information about [redacted] case can also be obtained from this address. Please send sae.

Further copies of this petition are available from DAM International Commission,
164/166 Corn Exchange Buildings (Box 20), Manchester M4 3BN, England.